

REMARKS

This is in response to the Office Action dated January 12, 2009.

Claims 6, 9 and 32

Claims 6, 9 and 32 stand rejected under Section 103(a) as being allegedly unpatentable over at least Kubo (US 20030107695) in view of Hayashi. These Section 103 rejections are respectfully traversed. Kubo and the instant application are commonly owned, and were commonly owned at the time of the invention. Thus, Kubo cannot be used in a Section 103 rejection. See 35 U.S.C. Section 103(c). Claims 6, 9 and 32 have essentially been rewritten in independent form. Thus, claims 6, 9 and 32 (and the claims depending therefrom) are all in condition for allowance, as no valid rejection remains.

Claims 1 & 29

Claim 1 stands rejected under Section 102(e) as being allegedly anticipated by Kubo. This Section 102(e) rejection is respectfully traversed.

Claim 1 has been amended to require “*wherein a storage capacitor line extends in a direction such that a central elongated portion corresponding to a central portion of at least part of the storage capacitor line is aligned in the area where no solid area is provided so that the central elongated portion of the storage capacitor line is not aligned to overlap with any significant parts of the unit solid portions.*” For example and without limitation, Fig. 12(a) of the instant application shows that a storage capacitor line 6 extends in a direction such that a central elongated portion thereof corresponding to a central portion of at least part of the storage capacitor line 6 is aligned in the area where no solid area 14b’ is provided so that the central elongated portion of the storage capacitor line 6 is not aligned to overlap with any significant parts of the unit solid portions 14b’ (see also Figs. 15 and 16 of the instant application).

Kubo fails to disclose or suggest the above italicized subject matter of claim 1. In Fig. 33A of Kubo, the storage capacitor line 17 is lined up with the unit solid portions, which is the opposite of what claim 1 as amended requires. The Section 102(e) rejection should be withdrawn, and Kubo cannot be used in a Section 103 rejection for the reasons explained above.

Claim 29 requires that "a storage capacitor line extends in a direction such that a central elongated portion corresponding to a central portion of at least part of the storage capacitor line is aligned in an area where no solid area is provided so that the central elongated portion of the storage capacitor line is not aligned to overlap with any significant parts of the unit solid portions." Again, Kubo fails to disclose or suggest this, and cannot be used in a Section 103 rejection.

The application is in condition for allowance.

Respectfully submitted,

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